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AND FONMIN'S STATEMENT ON OAS INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

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1. FONMIN COL. ROBERTO PALMA GALVEZ INFORMED THE PRESS THE
EVENING OF JULY 22 THAT THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HAD MET IN WASHINGTON
TO LOOK INTO RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS WITH EL SALVADOR. PALMA
STATED THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HAD AGREED TO SEND AN INVESTIGATING
COMMISSION MADE UP OF ARGENTINA, THE UNITED STATES, GUATEMALA,
NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA. PALMA DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE INVESTIGATING
COMMISSION WOULD ARRIVE BUT PROMISED TO INFORM THE PRESS AS SOON
AS HE HAD FULL INFORMATION.

2. THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ON
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JULY 22 STATING THAT THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN CHIEFS OF STAFF

MET THAT AFTERNOON AT EL AMATILLO TO DISCUSS RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, BOTH CHIEFS OF STAFF PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE ALTERNATIVES WHICH COULD BE EMPLOYED TO SOLVE EXISTING PROBLEMS; THEY AGREED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PACIFY THE BORDER AREA, THE COMMUNIQUE ENDED BY STATING THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE HONDURAN CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE MEETING IS ONE MORE SIGN OF THE HONDURAN DESIRE TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S DIFFERENCES WITH EL SALVADOR USING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER METHODS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. BEGIN COMMENT: POLOFF HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH EX-FONMIN VIRGILIO GALVES AND POLICARPO CALLEJAS, SENIOR ADVISER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON EVENING OF JULY 22. BOTH SAID THEY WERE RELIEVED THAT THE OAS HAD DECIDED TO FORM A SUB-COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE COMMISSION WOULD CALM THE PRESENT TENSE SITUATION. END COMMENT.
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